

WHEREAS; forensic science can be defined as the application of scientific principles, methods, and techniques to matters aiding the pursuit of truth in the criminal justice system, especially the collection, examination, and analysis of physical evidence; and

WHEREAS; since its initial recognition ten years ago, Forensic Science Week has aimed to recognize the critical role of forensic science in the modern criminal justice system and the skill and dedication exhibited by forensic science professionals nationwide; and

WHEREAS; established in 1947, the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratories (WSCL) currently employs more than 180 forensic scientists, laboratory technicians, and management staff, and over the past half-century, many preeminent forensic scientists and staff have made use of the state's exceptional facilities; and

WHEREAS; forensic science strives to attain a zero-error rate, which requires professionalism, expertise, dedication, and commitment when analyzing evidence and assisting at crime scenes; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's crime laboratories are staffed by highly educated and well-trained professionals and collectively house a broad range of accredited and diverse forensic science services; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the efforts of the professionals who work tirelessly in the state's crime laboratories to provide the criminal justice system with unbiased, quality forensic science;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23 2023 as

FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5th day of September 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State